

DCR Bureau of Forest Fire Control and Forestry



Forest Health

- •Continue to work on eradication of ALB in Worcester regulated area
- •5 live beetles found in regulated area, 3 on traps.
- •We are almost delimited in the 110 square mile regulated area. We are now starting 2nd round.
- •EAB find in Boston this summer, we are gathering public input for a decision on quarantine
- •Winter Moth defoliation was bad in SE MA



Urban and Community Forestry

- Greening Gateway Cities initiative
- Coordinate Worcester County ALB reforestation program

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Landscape Designations for DCR Parks & Forests: Selection Criteria and Management Guidelines



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Process for Harvesting on DCR property

- •Timber Harvesting Summary Document
 - Project proposals will be developed biannually
 - * Consult with NHESP, DFW wildlife staff, DCR natural and cultural resource staff and DCR operations staff
 - * Internal review and signoff of proposed projects
 - Posted on DCR Forestry Webpage for public viewing
- •Public information meetings will be held on proposed projects
- Receive and respond to comments
- •Prepare detailed silvicultural prescription documenting inventoried site level resources
- •Conduct public site visit of planned harvest area.
- •Prepare and file MA Cutting Plan

Active forest mgmt. projects

- •6 original projects in 2012 (1 completed, 3 underway, 1 will be re-bid, 1 deferred)
- •6 2nd Round projects (1 underway, 5 ready to be bid)
- •6 3rd round projects being prepared for public posting

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- Forest Reserve Scientific AdvisoryCommittee (FRSAC)
 - Advise DCR on long term monitoring and research activities in Reserves
 - Provide advice on DCR planning initiatives and policies as they relate to ecological systems within reserves
 - Aid in the establishment of research projects and programs. Help DCR explore funding opportunities for reserve monitoring and research